

A<sup>2</sup>  
4. (amended) A collecting bag according to claim 1,  
characterized in that said accommodating means  
comprises a retaining means for holding the closure  
means in said open receptacle in the position of  
use of the bag.

A<sup>3</sup>  
6. (amended) A collecting bag according to claim 1,  
characterized in that said basis portion has cross-  
sectional dimensions corresponding to the  
dimensions of the closure device.

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